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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kentarou TAMAKI, et al.

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FOR: OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE CHIP AND OPTICAL COMPONENT COMPRISING SAME

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	YES	NO					
	AO	2000-105324	04/11/00	JP(with English abstract)			NO
	AP	2000-131556	05/12/00	JP(with English abstract)			NO
	AQ	2001-255428	09/21/01	JP(with English abstract)			NO
	AR	01-316710	12/21/89	JP(with English abstract)			NO
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AO-AQ have been cited in the International Search Report. Copies of these references are being submitted herewith.
- 2) Reference _____ have been cited in the corresponding _____ Search Report. A copy of this reference is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References AR and AS are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted here with.
- 4) Reference _____ is additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

AO	JP 2000-105324	discloses a structure for connecting an optical waveguide with an optical fiber. This structure includes an optical fiber fixing groove 4 formed on a substrate 4. Discloses that examples of the material of an optical waveguide include siloxane-based polymer in paragraph [0038] on page 5.
AP	JP 2000-131556	discloses a structure for connecting an optical waveguide with an optical fiber. This structure includes an optical fiber fixing groove 4 formed on a substrate 4. Discloses that examples of the material of an optical waveguide include siloxane-based polymer in paragraph [0040] on page 5.
AQ	JP 2001-255428	discloses a structure comprising a core 1, and a clad 2 having an optical fiber connecting hole 4. Discloses that examples of the material of a core 1 and clad 2 include polysiloxane in paragraph [0016] on page 3.
AR	JP 01-316710	discloses an optical device including a guide 2 for optical axial alignment.

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AS JP 02-062502 discloses a new optical device including a guide 2 for optical axis alignment, and an optical waveguide 3.

AO-AS do not disclose an optical waveguide chip which includes an optical fiber guide portion and is composed of a cured radiation-sensitive polysiloxane composition, and which is formed by alkali developing.